

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 11 of page 22 as follows:

The grasping portion 30 is fitted in a ring member 31 and fixed thereto by a set screw 32. By loosening the set screw 32, the grasping portion 30 is moved slidably in the directions shown by an orienting arrow in the drawing. The ring member 31 is provided at its lower portion with a ball joint element 8b by means of a shaft 9. Mounted on the end of the grasping portion 30 is an endoscope 18 whose insertion shaft 19 is provided with a sheath inserted and fitted thereto. The sheath ~~[[30]]~~ 33 has a lumen into which a treating device is inserted.